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Our announcement in Sunday papers of this great sale of good pianos and piano players brought out a throng of buyers. The sale only lasts ten days, or until March 1st, but judging from the way the pianos were taken the first day of the sale, these great piano bargains will all go before that time.

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Fischer Upright, was \$350, now \$145.
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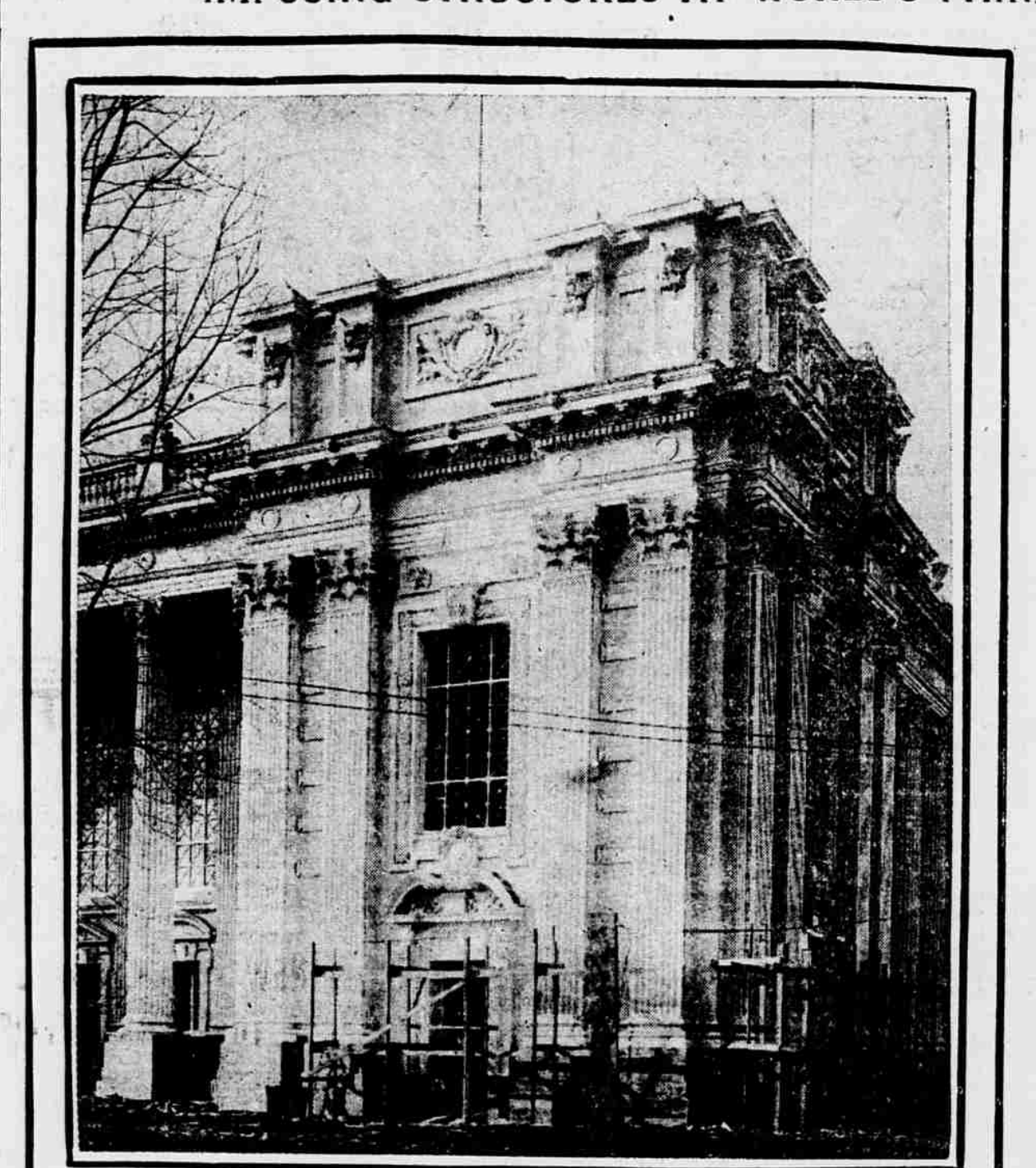
Former Orphans' Home Official
Leaves Estate to His Wife.

The will of Franz Hackemeier, who was superintendent of the German Protestant Orphans' Home on the St. Charles rock, was filed in the Probate Court in Clayton yesterday. After reciting that he had one child, Francis Hackemeier, and three grandchildren, the testator bequeathed and devised all of his property to his wife.

He was executed December 4, 1902. It was witnessed by John E. Hess and the Reverend J. Balser.

Mr. Hackemeier was superintendent of the orphans' home for thirty-four years. His successor has not yet been appointed.

CLASSIC CORNER OF ONE OF THE IMPOSING STRUCTURES AT WORLD'S FAIR.



PAVILION OF EDUCATION BUILDING WITH RECEDING COLONNADES ON THE NORTH AND WEST FACADES.

THIS WEEK'S FIGHT ON APPORTIONMENT

Personal Politics Likely to Affect
Proposed Changes in Illinois
Judicial Districts.

CONVICT LABOR IS UNDER FIRE.

Outbreak in House Is Possible
When Judge Sherman Calls
Up His Resolution to
Itemize Appropriations.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—The respective House and Senate committees on Judicial Apportionment will take up this week the two bills redistricting the circuits of Southern Illinois.

Senator Burnett's bill, with amendments as concessions to the Republican opponents of the measure, probably will be reported favorably.

The Burnett bill is the only one thus far brought before the Senate. The same bill was introduced in the House by Representative Gaunt, and Representative Sunderland introduced the second, which differs from the other substantially. Judge McElvain of Murphysboro is chairman of the House Committee on Judicial Apportionment. It is understood that he favors the Burnett bill, as does Senator Helm, chairman of the Senate committee.

It is believed that McElvain will be a candidate for a judgeship of the district in which an appointment might place him. In the First District, as it now stands, O. Harker of Carbondale, Joseph P. Roberts of Cairo and A. K. Vicker of Vienna are the judges. Harker will not seek re-election, and with the district unchanged, Roberts, Vicker and Duncan of Williamson County probably would be the nominees.

A change running the First District up the Mississippi instead of Ohio River would place Judge Vicker in the Second District, and out of the way.

The Third District now contains seven counties. The Sunderland bill would drop four of these, leaving only St. Clair, Madison and Bond. The Burnett bill would drop only two, still leaving Washington and Monroe attached. McElvain and many others in the proposed First District do not want Washington and Monroe, but if they attach them they must have the other, as the Democratic majority in the one about counterbalances the Republican majority in the other.

A similar fight is on between Republicans in the proposed Second and Fourth districts. The Second does not want Richmond, Lawrence and Wabash. Their Democratic strength, it is claimed, would endanger the Republican majority. But it is said that the claims of Judge John Lynch of Richmond have been so strongly argued that he must be taken care of. Nearly every county in the Legislature is expected to be a factor in the fight.

The Board of Pardons, which has charge of the parole system under the indeterminate sentence law, is expected to oppose repeal.

The convict labor question also will figure in this week. The use of convict labor in the penal institutions finds many opponents. The Senate is expected to pass a bill now before the Assembly. Chairman Chipfield has called a meeting of the House Committee on Penitentiary Institutions for Wednesday, and will begin the consideration of the matter. Labor organizations will be represented before the committee and others interested—manufacturers, tradesmen and reformers.

It is expected that the question will be referred to a subcommittee for more thorough investigation, and that the issue will be a committee bill to substitute pending bills. The present system now in opera-

COLE YOUNGER STOLE MARCH ON FRIENDS

Left Minnesota Ahead of Time and
Slipped Quietly Through
Kansas City.

EXPECTS TO WRITE A BOOK.

Wishes to Correct Falsehood Written
About Him—Has Offer to
Travel for Brewery—Will
Visit Old Haunts.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lee's Summit, Mo., Feb. 16.—Coleman Younger, the ex-bandit, pardoned from the Minnesota State Prison only a few days ago on condition that he would never return to Minnesota, reached his old home, Lee's Summit, last night. There was only one person at the station to meet him. He came secretly from Minnesota. He had twenty-five years in the prison. He would not leave for Missouri until Monday.

WISHED TO AVOID A DEMONSTRATION.

This was done to throw them off their guard so that he might reach Missouri without a demonstration being made.

"Cole" had promised the authorities in Minnesota that he would not come back as a hero in Missouri and would not let himself be made a hero of. It was in accordance with this promise that he came secretly. He arrived in Kansas City by the Chicago Great Western last night and took a carriage to the Union Depot to catch the train for Lee's Summit at 10:15 o'clock last night.

There he was met by A. G. Donohue, a nephew by marriage, proprietor of the hotel, and went directly and quietly to the hotel, where he spent the night.

CROWDS FLOCKED TO SEE YOUNGER.

It was not known at Lee's Summit that Younger had returned until after the breakfast hour this morning. Then he report spread with rapidity. The townspeople began flocking to the hotel. Two hundred and fifty persons, old soldiers, farmers, negroes—every one interested in the man—hurried to greet him. The Younger family is a large one. At least twenty cousins, nephews, nieces and brothers-in-law came to meet him. Many of them never had seen Younger before. Cole was kept busy during the entire morning greeting all these persons.

There was no special demonstration made, however, for his return.

He made many visits to the hotel kitchen to shake hands with old negroes, who used to know him, gathered there. Among them who welcomed Younger back to his old home were several of his war comrades—George Wigginton, Thomas Noland, Constable Boggs and "Uncle Billy" Jones, all of whom had fought with him in the Civil War. All were affectionately received.

BUSINESS OFFER FROM A BREWERY.

A business proposition already has been submitted to the ex-bandit. "Al" Hoffman, representing a brewing company of Chicago, arrived in Lee's Summit today at noon, and asked Younger to be the Missouri agent of the brewing company. Younger took dinner with Mr. Hoffman, and C. C. Lawler, his attorney, who had come from Kansas City. They talked the matter over, and Younger consented to think over the offer during the next few days.

"Well," said the ex-bandit, "I skipped through Kansas City without being held up by you fellows. I may as well talk now that I am at home again. I am very glad to get back to this old town, although I had not had time to see how much it has changed. I am very grateful to all my old friends for their welcome. Although I am back here, where the rebel yell used to sound, I won't forget my Minneapolis friends. They have been mighty good to me."

WILL WRITE BOOK TO REPUTE LIES.

"What am I going to do? Well, I am go-

TO ABANDON CHESTER.

The old proposition to abandon the Chester Penitentiary and asylum for the insane criminals is now being seriously agitated. Several members of the Senate Appropriation Committee, including Senator Gardner, chairman, visited the institution and were not overpleased with the conditions. The site is thought a bad one for such an institution, and it is seriously advocated that to use the amount of money necessary to the improvement of the property would be the addition of funds drained into a sink hole.

Clergo J. Landy from Bond County was the first of the legislators to return to Springfield this afternoon, as he arrived on the early afternoon train from St. Louis.

Mr. Landy brought up a bill in which his Bond County constituency is much interested. It provides that the system of keeping a double set of books in the office of County Assessors be abolished, as it requires unnecessary work of County Clerks.

The Sherman resolution requiring that the appropriations for ordinary expenses of State institutions be itemized will come up again to-morrow. If the Republicans are united, no doubt the resolution would pass without being amended. The Miller men say that it was "not offered in the right spirit." Anything from Sherman is not in the right spirit, they say.

SHERMAN'S RESOLUTION.

The resolution was sent to the Committee on Appropriations. Judge Sherman changed his vote on the resolution, which he acted upon by the House at large—in order that he might call the resolution back to-morrow. It is expected that Speaker Miller will oppose his effort to recall the resolution, in which event other members will make the motion. The Sherman men probably will be voted down under the gavel, but the Appropriations Committee is expected to adopt some such resolution, either as a committee rule or to report it favorably.

At any rate it is the consensus of opinion that the administration Republicans cannot afford to refuse to itemize appropriations, as the administration Republicans cannot afford to refuse to itemize appropriations, as the administration Republicans cannot afford to refuse to itemize appropriations.

Municipal ownership of street railways will also figure in the deliberations this week. Much is heard from the backers of the measure, who are anxious to bring their local transportation facilities.

At bottom, this is only talk. Not 20 per cent of the members are willing to give up their local transportation facilities.

Two bills providing for municipal ownership are on the calendar, one by Senator Mueller, the other by Representative Patterson.

HASTINGS MACADAM.

FERGUSON IS WITHOUT A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.

Position Which Pays \$1 a Year May
Go Begging at the Election.
In April.

The selection of a candidate for Mayor of Ferguson is the question that is agitating citizens of that suburb. Fred A. Reid, the incumbent, has positively declined to become a candidate for the re-election. Since this announcement, leaders of the progressive element, to which he belongs, have asked several citizens to make the race, but none of them can see their way clear to do so on a prospective salary of \$1 a year.

The election will be held on April 7. In addition to the term of the Mayor, the terms of four Aldermen from the four wards will expire, as will those of the City Marshal, Street Commissioner, Town Marshal and Assessor.

Almer J. S. Van Norstrand of the First Ward, R. J. Lester of the Second and P. C. Case of the Third Ward have expressed their intention of resigning, which will leave seven aldermanic vacancies to be filled at the election. Those whose terms expire are Doctor J. T. Douglas of the First Ward, P. W. Page of the Second Ward and H. W. T. King of the Third Ward and C. C. Land of the Fourth.

Heretofore there has been a hot fight for the mayoralty in Ferguson at every election, but it is said that the position may go begging this year. The only position of any financial value in the town is that of the City Marshal, Charles Graf, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election. Pat King is a candidate for re-election. Pat King is a candidate for re-election.

Webster Groves, the line-up is already being made for the spring campaign. Either Mayor T. C. Young or Alderman Ed S. Hart will lead the administration forces. For Mayor F. M. Anderson is said to be a candidate for Mayor on an antiadministration ticket.

Three Trains to Florida.

Via Louisville and Nashville Railroad, Leave St. Louis at 8:25 a. m., 3:30 p. m. and 8:35 p. m.—a choice of routes.

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No man should be weak; no man should suffer the loss of that vital element which renders life worth living. No man should allow himself to become less a man than nature intended him; no man should suffer when there is at hand a certain cure for his weakness, a check to his waste of power.

Most of the pains, most of the weakness of the stomach, heart, brain and nerves, from which men suffer, are due to an early loss of nature's reserve power. You need not suffer for this. You can be restored. The very element which you have lost you can get back, and you may be as happy as any man that lives. My Belt has Free Electric Attachment for weak people.

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I know that no man remains a weakling because he wants to. I am sure you want to overcome every indication of early decay that has shown itself on you. I don't think the man lives who would not like to feel as big and strong as a Sandow; and you know that if you have a reasonable foundation to build upon I can make you a bigger man than you ever hoped to be. I want you to know that—yes, who can't believe it—and I want you to have my book, in which I describe how I learned that strength was only electricity, and how I learned to restore it. Also I want to tell you the names of some men who will tell you that when they came to me they were physical wrecks, and are now among the finest specimens of physical manhood.

I want you to read this book and learn the truth about my arguments. If you are not as vigorous as you would like to be, if you have rheumatic pains, loss of vitality, nervous spells, varicocele or any ailment of that kind that unmans you, it would secure you of future happiness if you would look into this method of mine. Don't delay it; your best days are slipping by. If you want this book, I send it closely sealed, free, if you send this ad.

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If you are going to California, GO NOW. After May 1st it will cost you nearly \$30.00 more than at present.

Low rates to Montana, Idaho, Utah and Nevada are also offered by the Rock Island.

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The soldiers did not molest her, as there was nothing unusual in her appearance. She was not wearing the gate. Cole sprang from beneath the blanket and dashed off into the darkness. He escaped, although the soldiers were fired after him.

"Old Sue" has always been cared for by her sisters. Younger appears to be a good man. She will never be in want while Cole lives.

COULD NOT KEEP BOILERS HOT AT THE FOUR COURTS.

Lawyers Tried Cases With Overcoats on and Grand Jury Adjourned Because of Cold.

The Four Courts building yesterday was "as cold as a barn," to use a common expression. Negro coal heaters declared that they did not have enough fuel to keep the boilers hot. Prisoners in jail hovered around radiators and steam pipes, trying to keep warm, but without avail until night.

Matron Kintzing's rooms on the third floor were so cold that she and her daughter were compelled to wear wraps. Prosecuting Attorney Dalton, Miss Julia Fitzgerald, their stenographer, and the Grand Jury held no afternoon session on account of the cold.

The Grand Jurors, Circuit Attorney Folk and Assistant Attorney General Hancock kept their hands in their pockets while witnesses were being examined.

In the witness-rooms those who had been summoned to tell what they knew of the "get-rich-quick" business shivered. The Grand Jury held no afternoon session on account of the cold.

Down on the second floor, in Judge Douglas's and Judge Moore's courtrooms, the temperature was anything but pleasant and lawyers tried cases with their overcoats on.

In Circuit Attorney Folk's office Dick McDonald and his nephew, Gus Yore, boxed four rounds, while Miss Sarah Holland, Mr. Folk's stenographer, and Grand Jury Stenographer Logan were busy at their typewriters to keep warm.

In Judge Ryan's court, where Abie Shipps is charged with a charge of murder in the second degree, the defendant sat with chilly smile while the jurors were being examined.

Over expected to see her brother, "Cole" again. Younger himself was visibly affected.

CREATED BY FORMER SLAVE OF FAMILY.

Negroes who had been slaves in the Younger family in ante-bellum days came to Union soldiers in '64. They had surrounded the Younger home five miles east of Lee's Summit. One night while Cole was there, and every avenue of escape seemed cut off, Cole became desperate, and then "old Sue" threw a blacked-up woman's body and had a shawl-fashion and secreted Cole in the folds at her back, walked out of the house and down to a side gate.

MAJESTIC THEATER IS OPENED.

Richard Carle Christens Boston House With "The Storcks."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 16.—Messrs. Stair & Wilbur, proprietors of the Grand Opera House, Havin's and the Imperial theaters in St. Louis, opened their magnificent new million-dollar theater, the Majestic, to-night. Richard Carle, in "The Storcks," was the attraction.

The Majestic is one of the finest playhouses in America. Its architecture is of the Louis XV period, and the interior dec-

operations by C. Delethrich Dodge of New York correspond. Many novel improvements are presented.

Stair & Wilbur control, with the Majestic, a chain of eighty theaters from coast to coast.

This is the first Eastern production of "The Storcks."

Late River News.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Gauge reads 27 feet, indicating no change since last report. Weather clear and cold. Temperature registers zero at 7 p. m.

Burlington, Ia., Feb. 16.—The river is still in rapidity. The weather is clear and cold. The mercury touched its lowest zero.

Flaxseed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Flaxseed was dull and prices unchanged. May was \$1.25 and \$1.25, and \$1.25. Northwestern was \$1.25 and \$1.25. Red was 25 cents here, 45 at Minneapolis and 50 at Duluth.

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